

when their paths crossed. Havenick recalled that McAuliffe greeted him as “Dog Track Freddie” and asked playfully “what’s happening in doggie-dom?”⁴⁹¹ After discussing his efforts to get slot machines at his tracks in Florida, Havenick mentioned that he was having “a terrible problem with a dog track in Wisconsin.”⁴⁹² Without hearing any further detail, McAuliffe reportedly stated “I took care of that problem, I killed the casino at the Hudson dog track.”⁴⁹³ Havenick said that he then pulled McAuliffe aside, and McAuliffe said, “I killed Delaware North’s attempt to get the casino in Hudson. . . . I worked with Don Fowler and we killed it.”⁴⁹⁴ Havenick corrected McAuliffe as to the fact that it was Havenick’s casino deal, and McAuliffe seemed surprised. McAuliffe then called over his assistant, gave Havenick both of their cards, and said he would look into the matter.

McAuliffe denied ever having this conversation with Havenick, and characterized Havenick as having “a vivid imagination” and being “prone to exaggeration.”⁴⁹⁵ Although he confirmed that he may have run into Havenick at the fund-raising event⁴⁹⁶ – he stated he talks briefly with almost everyone he encounters at these events – and may have made vague expressions of concern for Havenick’s plight, McAuliffe is certain he never took credit for killing the Hudson deal. McAuliffe reported that he never gets involved in policy matters, nor in taking

⁴⁹¹Havenick G.J. Test. at 120-21.

⁴⁹²*Id.* at 123.

⁴⁹³*Id.*

⁴⁹⁴*Id.* at 123-24.

⁴⁹⁵McAuliffe G.J. Test. at 83.

⁴⁹⁶Havenick produced to investigators the business cards from McAuliffe and his assistant that he says he received that evening.